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MISSION

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL, FOLLOWING ARE REVISED
BUDJET AND BUDJET JUSTIFICATIONS FOR SEMINAR MISSION.
(KEYED TO REFTEL.)

A. IT IS DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE COST OF TRANSLATION OF
PAPERS. FOR LAST SEMINAR, MEMBERS' PAPERS AVERAGED
ABOUT 20 PAGES EACH, AND ONE RAN TO 33 PAGES. ONE
PAPER WAS COMPLETELY REVISED AFTER IT HAD BEEN TRANS-
LATED. COST OF TRANSLATION IS \$10 PER PAGE. FROM
INFORMATION PROVIDED THUS FAR WE ARE PLANNING ON
NINE PAPERS BEING GIVEN. IF USDOC COULD DETERMINE
THE EXACT NUMBER OF PAPERS TO BE PRESENTED AND THE
LENGTH OF EACH PAPER, WE COULD BETTER ESTIMATE THIS
COST. COST OF REPRODUCTION EMBASSY EQUIPEMTN IS
USUALLY MINIMAL.

E. SINULTANEOUS TRANSLATION EQUIPMENT. AS USDOC
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PROBABLY NOT AWARE, DURING LAST SEMINAR TRANSLATION
EQUIPMENT PROMISED BY LOCAL RADIO STATION WAS NOT
MADE AVAILABLE TO US AT THE LAST MINUTE (DAY MIS-
SION ARRIVED). USIS WAS ABLE TO GET ITS OWN EQUIPMENT
WORKING ONLY AFTER HAVING TO CALL IN LOCAL
EMPLOYEES OFF ANNUAL LEAVE, AND WORKING ALONG WITH
EMBASSY ELECTRICIAN UNTIL AFTER 9:00 P.M. THE EVE-

NING BEFORE CONFERENCE WAS TO BEGIN. IF 100 ADDITIONAL COMPLETE RECEIVERS/HEADSETS COULD BE PURCHASED BY USDOC FOR USE OF THE COMMERCIAL SECTION, WE COULD BE FREE OF PROBLEM OF HAVING TO ARRANGE FOR RENTAL OF TRANSLATION EQUIPMENT. THERE ARE FOUR SEMINAR MISSIONS PLANNED FOR THIS CALENDAR YEAR-- COST OF RENTAL IS \$900 FOR EACH MISSION. TUNIS IS A FAVORABLE SPOT IS ARAB WORLD FOR ALL SORTS OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES THAT CREATE GREAT DEMAND FOR TRANSLATION EQUIPMENT. RENTAL COST AND DEMAND ADDED TO THE FACT THAT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE THE ONLY ONES IN TOWN WHO OWN TRANSLATION EQUIPMENT, OTHER THAN USIS, MAKE OBTAINING SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION EQUIPMENT A MAJOR PROBLEM EACH TIME A SEMINAR MISSION IS HELD. EMBASSY DISCUSSED THIS PROBLEM WITH LAEMMERZAHN DURING HIS LAST VISIT, AND SUGGESTS A.O. WALSER DISCUSS THIS REQUEST WITH HIM. EQUIPMENT IS: "SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION SYSTEM, ROUND HILL ASSOCIATES, INC., 325 HUDSON STREET, NEW YORK, NY, 10013, MODEL NUMBER 26.955 MC."

F. TEMPORARY HELP. BASED ON 9 SEMINAR PAPERS, AND ENGLISH AND FRENCH COPIES OF EACH TYPEWRITTEN, RUN-OFF ON STENCILS AND COLLATED, WE INCREASED OUR ESTIMATES ACCORDINGLY. HOWEVER, UPON REFLECTION WE REALIZED THAT ALMOST NO ONE AT PREVIOUS SEMINARS HAS ASKED

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FOR ENGLISH VERSIONS. THEREFORE, WE PLAN NOT TO MAKE ENGLISH PAPERS AVAILABLE; REVISED FIGURE IS: \$1200.

G. AND I. EMBASSY WAS UNAWARE THAT MISSION MEMBERS WOULD BE PAYING THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION TO GAFSA. BUS RENTAL AND CHAUFFEUR EXPENSES FOR TRIP WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$600. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR AIRPORT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. A.O. CAN INFORM MISSION MEMBERS THAT EMBASSY IS WILLING TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO GAFSA IN EMBASSY VAN AND CAR. HOWEVER VAN IS NOT AIR-CONDITIONED, GIVEN NUMBER OF PERSONS GOING BOTH CAR AND VAN WILL BE CROWDED, AND MISSION MEMBERS WOULD BE EXPECTED TO COVER COSTS FOR CHAUFFEURS' OVERTIME AND PER DIEM--APPROXIMATELY \$300. PLEASE ADVISE THEIR DECISION SO ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

K. REVISED FIGURE FOR MISCELLANEOUS IS \$200.

L. HOSPITALITY. SINCE SEMINAR WILL BE TWO FULL DAYS AND WE ARE PLANNING TWO COFFEE BREAKS PER DAY,

COST OF COFFEE ALONE WILL BE \$485.00. RECEPTIONS AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ARE USUALLY WELL-ATTENDED; WE ESTIMATE \$550 BASED ON PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE. REMAINING \$500 WAS PROBABLY OVERESTIMATION ON COMMERCIAL SECTION'S PART; HOWEVER, WE THINK IT APPROPRIATE THAT ANOTHER \$200 BE SET ASIDE TO ALLOW MISSION MEMBERS TO RETURN SOME HOSPITALITY THAT WE EXPECT WILL BE OFFERED THEM IN GAFSA, I.E. COCKTAILS OR SMALL DINNER AT HOTEL IN GAFSA. REVISED HOSPITALITY IS \$1235.00.

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.. PER DIEM FOR EMPLOYEES. YES, THIS IS PER DIEM FOR GAFSA TRIP -- 3 EMPLOYEES TIMES 2.5 DAYS TIMES \$33/DAY. SINCE ITEM I IS NOW DELETED FROM BUDGET, WE CONTINUE TO CARRY PER DIEM AS ITEM M.

2. REVISE MISSION BUDGET IS AS FOLLOWS:

- A. TRANSLATION AND REPRODUCTION--AS ESTIMATED IN PARA 2.A. ABOVE.
- B. PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF BROCHURES - \$400
- C. INTERPRETERS - \$1,000
- D. CONFERENCE ROOM - \$800
- E. TRANSLATION EQUIPMENT (CAN BE DELETED IF HEADSETS ARE PURCHASED) - \$900
- F. TEMPORARY HELP - \$1,200
- G. MISSION CHAIRMAN'S SUITE - \$600
- J. FILM PROCESSING - \$100
- K. MISCELLANEOUS - \$200
- L. HOSPITALITY - \$1,235
- M. PER DIEM - \$250

ABOVE CHANGES REFLECT \$2,100 REDUCTION IN GUDGET SUBMITTED IN REFTEL B. ONLY ITEM NOT RESOLVED IS COST OF TRANSLATIONS, AND EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED OF LENGTH OF EACH PAPER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, UNCLASSIFIED

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SO THIS ITEM MAY BE SUBMITTED.

3. WE APPRECIATE USDOC ASSISTANCE IN CONTINUING TO FOLLOW UP WITH MISSION MEMBERS ABOUT SUBMITTING PAPERS ON TIME AND TO DATE HAVE RECEIVED ALL BUT ONE BIOGRAPHY--JOY CORPORATION DENVER EQUIPMENT DIVISION. MULCAHY

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